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SUBJ: NAMIBIA PENDING TRIAL YOUTH LEAGUE LEADERS

REF: PRETORIA 2613

1. DEPT REPORTS FOLLOWING BOTH FOR DISCREET VERIFICATION
AND FOR BACKGROUND INTEREST TO EMB AND POSTS.

2. ON AUG 10 RODERIC BOGGS OF LAWYERS' COMMITTEE
ADDRESSED LETTER TO ADVOCATE BRIAN O'LINN ASKING ABOUT
A REPORT IN THE STAR OF AUG 4 ON ADDITIONAL DETENTIONS
IN OVAMBOLAND GIVING THE NAMES AS THEY APPEARED IN
REFTEL AND ASKING STATUS CASE AND ESTIMATE EXPENSES OF
DEFENSE.

3. ON SEPT 17 BOGGS RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM PERSON
IDENTIFYING SELF AS VAN NIEKERK OF THE FIRM OF ATTORNEYS
STERN AND BARNARD AT WINDHOEK. VAN NIEKERK CLAIMED
FIRM TAKING OVER DEFENSE WORK FROM VAN BILJON FIRM AND
INDICATED INTENTION INSTRUCT O'LINN IN DEFENSE YOUTH
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LEAGUE LEADERS TO BE TRIED AT ONDONGWA. ESTIMATED

EXPENSES AT R4,000. BOGGS ASKED QUESTIONS BUT OTHERWISE NONCOMMITTAL.

4. BOGGS HAS NOW RECEIVED LETTER DATED SEPT 18 ON LETTERHEAD OF STERN AND BARNARD WITH THEM AND VAN DER MERWE, BUT NOT VAN NIEKERK, IN LIST FIRM MEMBERS. "MR. VAN NIEKERK/DR" TYPED IN FOLLOWING "OUR REFERENCE". LETTER REFERS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AND BOGGS' LETTER AUG 10 WHICH WRITER SAYS WAS "HANDLED TO US WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE DEFENCE OF PERSONS CHARGED UNDER THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS." LETTER CONFIRMS ESTIMATE OF R4,000 TO COVER TRIAL AT ONDONGWA OF EIGHT ACCUSED. NAMES LISTED AS KESHI NATHANIEL, VALDE KOTOKENI NAMHUNYA, SHILIKUNYE TULI HIVELUAH, FRIEDA T. WILLIAMS, REHABEAM NAMUHUJA, AHIPANGA KANJANDA, NDAXU NAMOLOH AND TENUK UUKUNDE. GRAVAMEN CHARGES PARTICIPATION IN ILLEGAL MEETINGS. LETTER STATES "WE FURTHER CONFIRM YOUR DIRECTIVE THAT WE ARE TO PROCEED IN THE ABOVE, IT BEING CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT WE SHALL BE BRIEFING ADVOCATE BRYAN (SIC) O'LINN." WRITER FURTHER STATES STERN HAS HANDLED AFFAIRS OF CLEMENS KAPUUNO FOR 13 YEARS AND MIKE (SIC) VAN NIEKERK WAS APPROACHED BY SUFFRAGAN BISHOP RICHARD WOOD TO TAKE OVER FROM VAN BILJON WHO "ARE NO LONGER PREPARED TO TAKE ON NEW CASES OF THIS NATURE". WRITER CLAIMS VAN NIEKERK "IS ALSO NOW IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH MR. CLIVE COWLEY".

5. COMMITTEE INFORMED IF WISHES REMIT FUNDS, BANKERS ARE THE TRUST BANK, KAISER STREET, WINDHOEK. P.S. ADDS "DEPARTING TODAY FOR THE TRIALS WHICH COMMENCE TOMORROW".

6. TYPED SIGNATURE STERN AND BARNARD FOLLOWED BY SCRAWL LOOKING LITTLE LIKE: BLANK V. N.

7. BOGGS INFORMS US COMMITTEE AS INDICATED ITS LETTER AUG 10 DEFINITELY DESIRES ASSIST IN DEFENSE OF THE EIGHT ACCUSED PROVIDED IT SURE IT IS DEALING WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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BONA FIDE FIRM SOLICITORS. LAWYERS' COMMITTEE HAS HAD NO CONFIRMATION FROM O'LINN OR VAN BILJON OF THE REFERENCE OF ITS LETTER OF AUG 10 TO STERN AND BARNARD AND NO ONE HERE HAS INFORMATION ON THIS FIRM OR ON A MIKE VAN NIEKERK IN WINDHOEK.

8. MATTERS FOR VERIFICATION ARE AUTHENTICITY AND ACCURACY LETTER, BONA FIDES VAN NIEKERK AND STATUS

TRIAL OF OVAMBO YOUTH LEAGUE LEADERS. KISSINGER

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